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Media Advisory

“Who Wants to be a (Science Bowl) Millionaire?”

60 High School Teams Compete for the National Science Bowl® Championship

First question: Today's students are likely to be the 21st century's millionaires by excelling at:

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| a. Gardening | b. Sailing |
| c. Basket weaving | d. Science |

Did you pick d. Science? *Is that your final answer?*

From May 5 to 8, 300 high school students from across the country will compete for the 10th Anniversary National Science Bowl® championship in Chevy Chase, MD. The National Science Bowl® sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy is the nation's premier high school science and mathematics academic competition. Students will answer questions on topics including astronomy, biology, chemistry, mathematics, physics, earth, computer and general science.

“America is facing a critical shortage of math and science graduates in the coming decade,” said Secretary of Energy Bill Richardson. “The National Science Bowl® has inspired hundreds of young people to pursue careers from gene therapy to sonar imaging research to building e-service brokerages.”

During the three and a half-day competition students also will have the opportunity to discuss physics with Dr. Paul Thomas, MIT's “Mr. Magnet,” “Space Astronomy and Extreme Forces of the Universe” with Dr. Paul Hertz of the Naval Research Laboratory and Dr. Allan Bunner of NASA's Goddard Space Center, and “Batting and Thinking” with Dr. Robert Adair of Yale University as part of the Saturday Science Bowl Seminars.

WHEN: May 5-8, 2000, beginning May 5 at 1:00 p.m.
Final championship competition May 8 at 11:30 a.m.

WHERE: The National 4-H Center in Chevy Chase, Maryland
7100 Connecticut Avenue

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